GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6563
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
INSPECTION OF CANTONMENTS AND DEFENCE LAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice and requirement of annual inspection of Cantonments and defence lands by Defence Estate Directorate General has been discontinued since last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details of Cantonments, Military, Airforce and Naval stations inspected during last three years and the action taken on deficiencies revealed in inspection report;

(c) whether the area under encroachments has increased during last three years and several defence lands and buildings have been diverted for non-defence purposes;

(d) if so, the action taken and propose to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether any action has been taken against any defence estate service officer for failure to safeguard defence lands during last three years;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of Cantonments/Military Stationsand Defence Estates Offices inspected duringlast three years by Defence Estates Department has been indicated in the statement attached. (Annexue). The deficiencies pointed out in the inspection report are required to be monitored by the controlling officers in Command Headquarters for compliance by the field officers.

(c) & (d): Encroachments have increased marginally in certain areas whereas it has decreased in some areas. Action for removal of encroachments is taken under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924 and Public Premises (Evictiono f Unauthorised Occupants), Act, 1971. Approximately, an area of 4638 acres has been removed from encroachment during the last 3 -5 years.

Certain instances of diversion of defence land/buildings for the purpose of schools, shopping complexes and welfare Institutes etc. have been noticed b y the Government. Appropriate directions have been issued to all concerned in such cases as a remedial measure.

(e) to (g): Yes, Sir. Disciplinary action has been initiated against five officers of the Defence Estates Organisation during the last three years for failure to safeguard defence land.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6563 FOR 8.5.2003

Sl.No	Name of station	Sl.No	Name of station	Sl.No	Name of station
1.	Mhow	28.	Srinagar	55.	Dhana Mily Stn.
2.	Ambala	29.	Dalhousie	56.	Bhopal Mily Stn.
3.	Jutogh	30.	Bakloh	57.	Itarsi Mily Stn.
4.	Belgaum	31.	Khas Yol	58.	Amla AF Station
5.	Cannanore	32.	Shillong	59.	Maharajpur AF Stn.
6.	Jabalpur	33.	Barrackpore	60.	Ranohi Mily Stn.
7.	Delhi	34.	Jabalpur	61.	Jamshedpur Mily Stn.
8.	Jalandhar	35.	Lebong	62.	Bihta AF Station
9.	Deolali	36.	Mumbai	63.	Darbhanga AF Station
10.	Kamptee	37.	Bangalore	64.	Singharsi AF Stn.
11.	Varanasi	38.	Jaipur	65.	Banbasa Mily Stn.
12.	Kanpur	39.	Chennai	66.	Hempur Mily Stn.
13.	Kasauli	40.	Trivandrum	67.	Haldwani Mily Stn.
14.	Amritsar	41.	Goa	68.	Dharchula Mily Stn.

15.	Secunderabad	42.	Leh	69.	Pithoragarh Mily Stn.
16.	Agra	43.	Subathu	70.	Izatnagar Mily Station
17.	Bareilly	44.	Ramgarh	71.	Bhowali AF Stn.
18.	Ahmednagar	45.	Danapur	72.	Air Force Selection Board, Varanasi
19.	Wellington	46.	Bikaner	73.	17 Wing AF Stn. Ghorakpur
20.	Ajmer	47.	Chandigarh	74.	GRD Kurnaghat, Ghorakpur
21.	Allahabad	48.	Udhampur	75.	COD Cheoki, Allahabad
22.	Dnanapur	49.	Pathankot	76.	24 ED Af Station Manauri,Allahabad
23.	Nasirabad	50.	Mathura	77.	29 Wing AF Stn. Bamrauli,Allahabad
24.	Kamptee	51.	Bakshi-ka-Talab AF Station	78.	AF Stn.Kheria,Agra
25.	Pune	52.	Memora AF Stn.	79.	Mily Stn.NawgoNg Distt.,Chhatarpur
26.	St.Thomas Mount	53.	Chakeri AF Stn.		
27.	Jammu	54.	Gayabad Mily.Stn		

Note: Some stations have been inspected several times by different officers of Defence Estates Organisation - (AF stands for Air Force and Mily stands for Military).